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**STATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARINGS ON  
"THE STATUS AND FUTURE CHALLENGES TO TENNESSEE'S E-911 SYSTEM"**

NASHVILLE - The Tennessee Emergency Communications Board will conduct a series of public hearings on the status and future challenges of the state's E-911 system. Information and public input shared in the E-911 hearings will be used by state, local and federal government policy makers on E-911 matters.

"We hope to hear from a broad range of Tennesseans during these public hearings. Of course, anyone is welcome to submit a written statement for inclusion in the record," said Anthony Haynes, executive director for the state Board. The hearings also will include witness panels representing various views from the public safety, local government, telecommunications industry, medical community and private citizens.

"E-911 is a real lifeline for Tennesseans. We think these hearings will help us as policy makers, by giving us a real perspective on E-911 needs in this state," stated Haynes. "We intend to produce a report which will be provided to a number of state and federal entities, including the appropriate Congressional committees and the Federal Communications Commission," said Haynes.

The Board will hold three hearings, one in each grand division of the state. The dates and locations are:

**October 12      West Tennessee - Memphis**  
Wilson Center Holiday Inn  
University of Memphis Campus  
3700 Central Avenue

**October 26      East Tennessee - Knoxville**  
Main Assembly Room  
City - County Building  
400 Main Ave.

**December 1      Middle Tennessee - Nashville**  
The Cumberland Room  
Cordell Hull Building  
425 Fifth Avenue, North

All hearings will begin at 10:00 a.m. local time. Persons interested in submitting statements for the record may contact the Duple Travillion at 615-253-2164 or by email [duple.travillion@state.tn.us](mailto:duple.travillion@state.tn.us).

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